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Priority Claimed.

Enclosed are:

Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-374819 and 2002-374836

12 sheets of formal drawing.

An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.

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